GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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WELDING AND CUTTING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Welding Conference 2001 was held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of countries participated in the said Conference;

(c) whether exports in Welding and Cutting Technology from India and abroad have formulated three pronged strategic action with a view to enhance technological expertise in the welding industry through international cooperation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether keeping in view the emergent requirement of cutting instrument in Gujarat earthquake, the Government propose to import cutting technology from the countries who actually participated in the earthquake; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : An International Welding Conference was held from 15th to 17th February, 2001 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.It was jointly organised by the Indian Institute of Welding (IIW), a body of welding professionals and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Nine countries viz. India, Russia, UK, Sweden, France, Singapore, Australia, Brazil and Egypt participated in the conference85 papers on various aspects related to welding were presented by delegates representing Industry, Institutes and R&D centres.

(c) & (d): It is envisaged to enhance international cooperation especially with ASEAN region, Australia and the International Institutes of Welding for mutual benefits.

(e) & (f): Presently there is no such proposal under consideration.